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**OXFORD GENE TECHNOLOGY IN COLLABORATION WITH OPTRA SYSTEMS TO
DEVELOP ANALYSIS SOFTWARE**

Oxford, UK, and Pune, India, February 26, 2009 - Oxford Gene Technology (OGT), the pioneer of microarray-based technologies, announces a collaboration with Optra Systems, a Life Science and Healthcare IT consultancy company with expertise in biomedical imaging, to develop visualisation and analysis software.

The collaboration was established to develop software to visualise and analyse data generated from high resolution scanners. The project is now in the testing phase following initial software development.

“We are developing an exciting portfolio of technologies to enable researchers to investigate gene expression in single cells,” said Dr John Anson, OGT’s R&D Director. “Image analysis is an integral part of these developments, and we chose Optra Systems for its expertise and excellent service. We are evaluating outsourcing opportunities for a further pilot project to develop a more powerful version of the software, and look forward to continuing our relationship with Optra Systems.”

Abhi Gholap, President and CEO of Optra Systems, said: “This is an exciting time for Optra Systems. Our biomedical imaging and application development expertise is well suited to building a powerful software analysis solution for the innovative platform in development at OGT, and we look forward to taking the project into the next phase.”

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About Oxford Gene Technology

Founded in 1995 by the pioneer of Southern Blotting and microarray technologies, Professor Sir Edwin Southern, OGT is based near Oxford, UK.

The key focus areas of OGT include:

1. **High Throughput Microarray Services. With a processing capacity of over 1,000 samples per week,** applications available include aCGH, CNV, methylation studies and miRNA.
2. **Cytogenetics products and services** for high resolution detection of chromosomal abnormalities. OGT offers a range of high resolution oligonucleotide arrays, labelling kits and analysis software that together provide a unique, comprehensive solution for cytogenetics.
3. **Digital microarrays/ Single Cell analysis.** OGT's innovative, patent-protected technology development programme is aimed at analysing genomic events at the single cell level for major applications such as stem cell and cancer biology.
4. **Licensing.** OGT operates an open licensing policy which has successfully provided access for a number of companies to OGT's fundamental intellectual property, particularly in the area of microarrays.

For further information on OGT products and services please visit <http://www.ogt.co.uk/>

About Optra Systems

"**Optra Systems**" is a technology driven Life Science & Healthcare IT Consulting company, committed to deliver value to its customers with innovation and consistent improvement of its efficiencies.

Optra proficiently combines science and information technology by leveraging its technical expertise, in-depth domain knowledge and vast experience in Life Science & Healthcare software development. Optra's skilled technical team is ably guided by experts in Biology, Medical, Chemistry, Instrumentation & related domains.

Optra System develops processes and capabilities to cater the needs of customers ranging from Fortune 500 companies to startups.

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